

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT "B"

7/B
12-12-01
MB

APPLICANTS: Gerhard NIEDERMAIR et al
SERIAL NO.: 09/254,242 GROUP ART UNIT: 2645
FILED: March 2, 1999 EXAMINER: M. Opsasnick
TITLE: "SPEECH PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD"

RECEIVED
DEC 19 2001
Technology Center 2600

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Arlington, VA 22202

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2001, Applicants herewith
amend the application as follows:

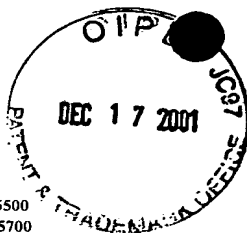
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and substitute the following claims therefor:

11. A speech processing system comprising:
- a plurality of modules of respectively different types, said plurality of modules comprising a plurality of speech recognition modules for respectively different types of speech recognition and a plurality of speech output modules for respectively different types of speech output; and
 - a selector supplied with an input signal containing information identifying a type needed to process said input signal, said type consisting of at least one of said types speech recognition and said types of speech output, said selector being connected to said plurality of modules and routing said input signal to at least one of said modules of the type identified in said

32
B
1

CHICAGO OFFICE
TELEPHONE (312) 258-5500
TELECOPIER (312) 258-5700



SCHIFF HARDIN & WAITE

PATENT DEPARTMENT
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW
6600 SEARS TOWER
233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

WASHINGTON OFFICE
1101 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Suite 600
Washington D.C. 20036-4390
TELEPHONE (202) 778-6400

RECEIVED
DEC 19 2001
Technology Center 2600

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Niedermair et al

SERIAL NO.: 09/254,242

GROUP ART UNIT: 2645

FILED: March 2, 1999

EXAMINER: R. Opsasnick

TITLE: "SPEECH PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 11	MINUS	** 20	X 11	() X 9.00 (X) X 18.00		
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 2	MINUS	3	X0	() X 40.00 () X 80.00		
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME		
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT				

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

- ☐ Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated _____ for _____ months so that the period for response is extended to _____. A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. **501519**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached.
- ☐ A check for \$ _____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached
- ☐ A check for \$ _____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. **501519**. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- When phoning re this application, please call 312/258-5500.

SCHIFF HARDIN & WAITE (CUSTOMER NO. 501519)

PATENT DEPARTMENT

BY

(Reg. No. 28,982)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on December 11, 2001.

STEVEN H. NOLL (Registration No. 28,982)

NAME OF APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY

SIGNATURE

December 11, 2001

DATE